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RE: Competitive Licensing Rulemaking, CTV 06-1  
Request for Expedited Schedule

Dear Mr. Conroy:

The Cable Television Division ("Cable Division") of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy is in receipt of your letter dated May 25, 2006, in which you request that the schedule established in the above-referenced proceeding be revised such that the comment period be completed by early July. In your letter, you raise your concern that the schedule established "would unnecessarily postpone" the benefits of video competition to consumers.

In developing the schedule, the Cable Division sought to ensure that all interested persons would have a full and fair opportunity to provide comment on Verizon's proposed rules. While video consumers and competitive providers are certainly two groups of interested persons, the Cable Division also balanced the interests of municipal governments, which are, by statute, the designated issuing authorities of cable television licenses. See G.L. c. 166A, §§ 1(f); 3. Revising the schedule as Verizon requests would undo that careful balance of interests. Accordingly, we reject your request that the Cable Division revise the schedule in this proceeding.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Alicia C. Matthews  
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Director